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The Damascus Gate



● The present walls of Jerusalem date only from the rule of Suleiman the Magnificent, in the Sixteenth Century, but follow generally the lines of more ancient fortifications. The Damascus Gate, pictured on this page, is one of the three set in the North wall, and is also known as St. Stephen's Gate. The public square, in the foreground, is a market for peasant farmers and a meeting place for pilgrims to the Holy City.

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Modern "Satan Worship"

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ONE of the most disturbing and significant phases of the present social situation is to be found in the modern wave of "Satan Worship".

Although the hideous practices and indulgences of these diabolical cultists are usually carried on under cover, and in great secrecy, they are coming to be recognized increasingly as direct threats to the moral foundations of civilized society.

I recently talked with a man active in the law enforcement agencies of a large western city. He told me, with much concern, of the problem confronting the police in the form of organized cults of "Lucifer Worshipers". From the standpoint of the police, the sacrilege and blasphemy, involved in the rituals of these cults, is not a matter of official cognizance. It is the gross and wholesale orgiastic immorality, committed in connection with the worship of Satan, that primarily concerns officers sworn to enforce the laws of civilized society.

Demonism Revived

The cults of Satan worshippers include many men and women of education, wealth, and social position. The task of the police in tracking down and prosecuting those who, today, practice the immoralities and vices of Sodom and Gomorrah, as a part of the sacrilegious rites of Lucifer worship, is made doubly hard by their money, political power, and social prestige.

My informant told me that cults of Satanism flourish in numerous cities. Law enforcement agencies in many parts of the nation are exercised over these deep-seated sources of pollution of the moral and social life of America.

To convey some understanding of the nature and extent of Satan worship

in our nation, my friend showed me a most arresting *expose* contained in the March, 1937, number of *Real Detective Magazine*. This periodical, with a nation-wide circulation, is devoted to actual crime cases and problems of the police.

However, portions of the *expose* of the cults of Satanism are of interest to Christians for the light they shed upon the approach of Antichrist. The rise of *Lucifer worship*, the modern emergence of the conditions of unutterable corruption characteristic of Sodom and Gomorrah, the return of the evil state of affairs prevailing during the "days of Noah"—all these are infallible indications of the times in which we live.

The article, involving an extended discussion of Satanism, is written by Jane Franklin, and deals largely with the Satanic cult as it flourishes in New York City. To quote directly: "These New York Satanists, as they call themselves, are of mature age. They flourish right in the heart of the biggest, the wealthiest, and supposedly, the most cultured surroundings on earth, practicing their weird rites and seeking their revolting thrills in the age-old worship of the Evil One, almost within the shadows of New York's most beautiful and inspiring churches. . . ."

According to Miss Franklin, salient facts regarding rampant Satanism were revealed, before her tragic death, by Alma Rubens, a film actress who became a victim of the narcotic habit. Miss Franklin adduces direct quotations from the notes of Miss Rubens, revealing the depths of degradation which she had discovered in the great metropolis.

Sophisticated Degenerates

The article reveals, "Devil worship, with its unholy rites of shame, has been followed for years in greatest secrecy

by a thrill-jaded coterie of New York's ultra sophisticates! . . . And yet, New York is not alone in the current cult plague. Not only Satan worship, but other equally demoralizing teachings have become not only nation-wide, but world-wide."

Instances are given of sacrilegious and immoral cults involving high school and college students! One such cult of diabolism and immorality "membered by high school pupils of fifteen and younger, was exposed by Nassau County authorities". The scene of the cult's operations was "staid old Mineola, Long Island". Details are given of a similar cult flourishing in Tulsa, Oklahoma, among high school and college students.

The circumstances of the well-organized Satanic cult in New York City are most significant: "Their shrine is a penthouse in a sedate and expensive apartment house, whose correctly-attired doorman has no idea that the beautifully-gowned women and the handsomely dressed men he assists from their limousines two or three evenings a week, rise to the tall roof in the elevator, and convert themselves into semi-savages, discarding all that civilization has given them and abandoning themselves to an orgiastic ritual in worship of the Cloven-hoofed One! . . ."

"The High Priestess of the cult, a wealthy divorcee, who has traveled extensively in the Orient, is a woman to whom few doors in New York would be closed, should she choose to enter. She and her known disciples, mostly from the celebrated '400', have sworn themselves to secrecy regarding the passionate ceremonies they perform in honor of their 'Master'."

Modern Blasphemy

Before an altar raised to Satan, the High Priestess leads her disciples in reciting the allegiance: "Satan is our Master, he is our Lord; and we are His Disciples."

According to Miss Franklin, the Satanic commitment continues: "Oh Satan, our Master, our Lord, we, Thy Disciples, worship Thee. We pledge ourselves to the performance of every evil Thou hast ever conceived, promising to shun every act that might be construed as good. We will follow faithfully thy thirteen commandments, and will carry out each instruction contained in the seven books of deadly

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"Fulness of the Godhead Bodily"

Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

"**BEWARE** lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth the *fulness of the Godhead bodily*."

The central fact of the Christian religion is the deity of our Lord.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."

The Greek term translated *Word*, in this passage, is *Logos*. The phrase presupposes the existence of Christ prior to the time that He came to this earth; it takes for granted the fact of His deity and expresses the truth that in Him there dwells the "fulness of the Godhead bodily."

All other doctrines of the Christian religion are relative. The deity of the Lord Jesus Christ is pivotal.

An Historical Character

No sincere student of history—not even an infidel, can deny the fact of Christ as an historical character.

Our Lord walked the earth in flesh and blood, at the time ascribed to Him. He was a real Personage. Myths are without location, either in time or space. But history tells *when* and *where* Jesus was born. "In Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king."

H. G. Wells, the noted historian, a man who has a reputation for skepticism in matters pertaining to Christian belief, says: "To assume that He never lived, that the accounts of His life are inventions, is more difficult and raises more problems in the path of the historian, than to accept the essential elements of the Gospel stories as facts."

Someone has said that if the story of Jesus is a myth, that a myth has done more to civilize the world than all the truth that ever existed.

"Only a Man"

There are, in the last analysis, but two ways to regard this great historical Personage . . .

One position is that of the Modern-

ist, who refuses to believe that our Lord was more than a man. This attitude of the liberal theologian is simply a restatement of the Jewish conception, that He was not born of a Virgin; that claims made for His deity are false . . . that He was only a Jewish prophet of extraordinary magnetism.

This view was summed up very well in the words of Bishop Francis G. McConnell, an official of the Federal Council of Churches, when he said: "Is not the tendency to deify Jesus more heathen than Christian? Are we not more truly Christian when we cut loose from a heathen propensity and take Jesus simply for the character He was and for the ideal that He is?"

The doubter says that Christ was only divine in the sense that all men are divine! Persons holding this view even criticize those who regard Jesus as an object of worship. The believer, on the other hand, says that Christ, in the days of His flesh, was the Incarnation of God.

An aged man of great piety—once remarked: "The more I commune with my Lord and Master through prayer, the the day of His flesh, was the Incarnation of God for me."

"Form of God"

There are hundreds of passages of Scripture that confirm one's faith in the deity of Christ, but one will suffice to illustrate the burden of New Testa-

ment teaching on the subject.

Writing to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul said:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

In this brief statement, the entire compass of Christ's existence and character are contemplated. Four eternal facts stand out in this quotation.

(1) It is declared that He had *existence* prior to His life upon this earth . . . which existence is declared to have been "in the form of God".

(2) His entrance into the world was no surrender of His God-nature, but the assumption of "the likeness of men".

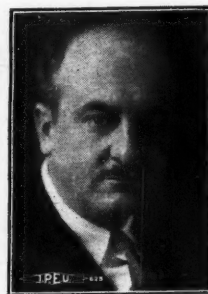
(3) The purpose of His Incarnation is expressed in the words: "He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross". This was no accident, but an act of obedience on His part, while "in the likeness of men".

(4) His future triumph over all opposition, His supremacy over all things, in keeping with the character of Deity, is declared. It is asserted that "every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father".

This is the teaching of the Bible. Nowhere, in either the Old or the New Testaments, is there a single statement that detracts from it in the slightest particular.

In a trenchant discussion of the Person of Christ, in *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, Dr. Ben-

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jamin B. Warfield says: "Paul does not teach that Our Lord was once God but had become instead man; he teaches that though He was God, He had become also man".

In the Creeds

This was the thought in the minds of the Church fathers who framed the great confessions of faith, into which the essentials of Christian belief have been reduced.

The Apostle's Creed, while not originating with the Apostles, is generally referred to as having its roots in the Apostolic Age. After having passed through several forms, and being re-phrased in many particulars, this monumental statement stands as follows:

"I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting".

Christ as God in the flesh is pivotal, not only in the Apostle's Creed, but in all other statements of doctrine compiled through the centuries. It is the Modernist of our day, the liberal intellectual, who undertakes to bring this basic doctrine into question.

Obtained by Revelation

It is clearly stated in our opening text that the idea of Jesus of Nazareth being in the Godhead did not originate with man. The idea was imparted by God, to man, in a special revelation.

On one occasion, Jesus questioned His Apostles carefully as to what people were saying about Him. Public sentiment, they reported, ran along the line that He was either John the Baptist risen from the dead, or one of the prophets returned to earth.

Then Jesus put the question directly to them: "But whom say ye that I am?"

Peter answered: "THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."

The next words of Jesus are worthy of the most careful consideration: "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: FOR FLESH AND BLOOD HATH NOT REVEALED IT UNTO THEE, BUT MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN."

The idea that this unmatched Character; this greatest of all personages ever to walk the dirt roads of earth; that from eternity He had enjoyed a mysterious union with God; that He was the Creator of the heavens and earth, as described in the opening chapters of Genesis—this was far too stupendous for man to arrive at, by the processes of human reasoning.

Such a thought-staggering, world-changing, soul-transforming thought could enter the mind of man only by one means—supernatural revelation. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God . . . Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee."

On two occasions God spoke the words, heard by man, and recorded by them for future generations to read: "THIS IS MY SON". The first time was on the occasion of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. The other was at the Mount of Transfiguration.

Evolution Helpless

This divine explanation of the person of Jesus; this divine accounting of His supernatural wisdom, His unquestioned power over matter, spirit and life, is the only possible solution to the ap-

pearance of such a Man in human flesh.

Before the phenomenon of the Galilean, the theory of Evolution stands helpless. Sir Arthur Smith Woodward has defined Evolution as, "The slow and regular advance of the world of life". Can Jesus be explained by any such process?

Evolutionists have much to say about the two great forces of heredity and environment. In them, some scientists profess to find the explanation of human greatness. But their efforts utterly fail to bring the person and power of Jesus within the narrow confines of such an approach.

The spiritual life of the Jewish nation was at its lowest ebb when Christ was on earth. Three centuries had passed since the voice of God had been heard. The established religion was devoid of vitality. So corrupt had the system become, that open merchandizing was permitted, without objection, in the holy Temple.

It was the judgment of Jesus upon His own people, that they had changed the most sacred of all places which had been designed for prayer, into a "den of thieves". Priests and people had surrendered themselves to a system of legalism and materialism that suppressed the Spirit and left only the form of religion.

To this must be added the unspeakable social practices and general moral conditions of the day. It was a period of awful degradation of life, and Nazareth, where He was brought up, had the worst reputation in the entire territory. There was a proverb in those days which asked: "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

Yet, in the midst of such conditions, Jesus lived such a life of moral purity that it continues the unchallenged miracle of all times. Even His bitterest enemies have never attacked His character. Had He been guilty of one sin, the world would have heard about it by 1938. His spotless life certainly can not be accounted for by His environment. It can be explained only by the fact of His deity.

Nor was His purity a negative thing. It was not the innocence of the hidden and sheltered life that never knew the withering storm of temptation. "He was tempted in all points like as we are." He was subject to all the assaults of Satan upon the flesh and the spirit.

Supernatural Wisdom

His most severe temptations were thrust upon Him in time of physical exhaustion and mental strain. In the wilderness, where He underwent an ordeal of fasting, our Lord grappled with, and triumphed over, (1) the hunger of His flesh, (2) the appeal of worldly power, and (3) the natural desire of human ego to impress His power upon the multitudes by a spectacular display of mastery over the forces of nature. Physically exhausted though He was, Jesus denounced Satan and returned from the wilderness to begin the public career that was to take Him to the Cross.

When the shadow of the Cross was already before Him, in the hours when the agony of Golgotha was just ahead,

"GO, AND DO THOU LIKEWISE!"



The story of the Good Samaritan pictured here is familiar to all intelligent people, but very few realize that this same story is continually repeating itself. Not only individuals are falling among the thieves, but in many instances whole nations are captured by them, as is the case of Russia, which has fallen into the cruel hands of Communists.

For instance, a Christian lady writes from Russia:

"My husband has been in exile for 2 years and has to remain for 8 more years. I was left with five children in awful condition. My oldest daughter brought us a little bread, and so Communist authorities compelled her husband to separate from her. Left with a small child and without any means of support, this daughter came back to me, and now 8 of us are half-starved and no one here is permitted to help us."

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He was subjected to such terrific strain that the blood actually forced its way through the pores of His skin and became a bloody sweat upon the body. Yet, out of that ordeal of Gethsemane, He emerged in triumph. His Father's perfect will was to be accomplished. This was the hour for which He had come into the world.

Such moral strength, such spiritual courage, such rigorous subjection of the flesh to the requirements of divine principles, can have no possible explanation on grounds comprehended by the doctrines of Charles Darwin.

Jean Paul said: "Jesus is the holiest among the mighty, and the mightiest among the holy."

At the close of a lecture, in which He had attacked the deity of Christ, a university professor was asked the question: "How do you account for the intellectual attainments of Jesus? Where did His wisdom come from? Where did He obtain His wonderful knowledge?"

The professor replied, "Probably in the village synagogue, or possibly in Egypt."

The theory that Christ attended school in Egypt remains unsupported by a single demonstrated fact. And, concerning the synagogue, the Jews themselves asked the question: "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?"

His wisdom was first manifested at the tender age of twelve. In attendance at the Feast of Passover, He became separated from Joseph and Mary. When they found Him at the end of three days, He was in the Temple with the scholars, "both hearing them, and asking them questions."

Luke records, "And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers."

The centuries have rolled by since Jesus was upon earth, but He is still the world's Teacher. Other teachers have been forgotten. The ideas of Plato and Aristotle are known only to students of philosophy, but the essentials of Christ's teachings are known among all nations, are more powerful today than ever. Jesus spoke the truth when He declared: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Napoleon Bonaparte said: "I know men, and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man. His religion is a mystery, a thing of itself, and proceeded from divine intelligence."

Works of God

While on earth, Jesus repeatedly

transcended the laws of nature. He performed miracles which lifted forever from the man level!

His mastery extended to the furthest limit of the material world. In the midst of the raging storm of Galilee, He spoke the words: "Peace, be still". And immediately there was a great calm. He multiplied the loaves and fishes. He walked on the waves. He exercised authority in the realm of the spirit. Demons were cast out at His word.

He exercised authority over disease. Withered hands were restored. The lame were made to walk. Lepers were cleansed. Blind eyes were opened. The deaf were made to hear.

Jesus raised the dead. Three times, during His public ministry, He called the dead to life. He entered the house of Jairus, took the hand of the departed girl, and said: "Talitha cumi—which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise." And the young girl was restored to life.

Jesus stopped a funeral procession outside of the city of Nain. He spoke to the lifeless form of the young man, which was being borne to its place of burial. "And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak."

The most sensational and astounding of the three resurrections of the dead occurred at Bethany. The dead man, in this instance, had been a close personal friend of the Master. Standing at the tomb of Lazarus, "Jesus wept". Then, in a loud voice, He commanded the departed man to come forth from the tomb where his body had lain for four days.

Instantly, all the processes of decay and disintegration, which had set in at the moment of death were arrested and turned back!

Power over sin! Power over nature! Power over disease! Power over death!

Victory Over Death

The keystone in the arch of evidence by which the mind of man finds confirmation of God's revelation, is the victory of Jesus over death in His own body.

It should be emphasized that it was no living body that His sorrowing friends bore to the garden of Joseph of Arimathea, following the crucifixion. When the soldiers came to the Cross to break His legs, as they did the legs of the thieves who were crucified with Him, they found Him already dead.

In order to make sure, one soldier thrust a spear deeply into His side. When it was withdrawn, water and

blood poured from His ruptured heart. Enemies remembered that Jesus had promised that He would come forth from the dead. In haste they sought out Pontius Pilate and demanded that a guard be placed at the tomb, "lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead".

Pilate said: "Ye have a watch: go

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b. Is a narrow road.

c. Not many going this way.

IV The Destination—"life"

a. Contrast with death.

b. A delightful anticipation.

c. A glorious consummation.

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your way, make it as secure as ye can".

They made it as secure as the power of the Roman government could make it. The guard was placed. The tomb was sealed.

They did not make the mistake of sealing and guarding a tomb in which the body of Jesus had never been placed, or from which it had already been taken! The body was there. They made the grave as "secure" as they could.

Five death penalties were connected with that tomb. It was death to break the seal of the Roman government. It was death to allow it to be broken. It was death to steal the body of Jesus. It was death to allow the body of Jesus to be stolen. It was death for a Roman soldier to go to sleep on guard.

On the morning of the first day of the week, the tomb was found to be empty. The body of Jesus was gone.

The modern skeptic must affirm that His disciples either overcame the armed Roman guard, or opened the grave and spirited the body away without disturbing the well disciplined soldiers who were responsible.

But upwards of five hundred persons who knew Him personally, among whom were eleven of his original twelve Apostles, testified that they later saw Him alive—after His death and burial.

They testified that they talked with Him. That they sat at the table and ate with Him. Their identification of Him was made positive by the prints in His hands, produced by the heavy spikes with which He was fastened to the Cross, and by the gaping wound in His side, where the spear was thrust.

Blackstone, the great English legal mind said: "The Resurrection of Jesus is the most amply substantiated fact in history."

No Middle Ground

The deity of Jesus admits no middle ground. He was either all that He claimed to be, all that He offered Himself as being, or He was the worst imposter, the most vicious deceiver, ever to take advantage of the human race.

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Jesus claimed deity for Himself. "The Father and I are one."

Jesus claimed to speak for God. "The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."

When Charlemagne, King of the Franks, died, he was buried in a sitting posture, clad in his royal robe, his scepter in his hand, his crown upon his head.

Many years later, the tomb was opened upon a scene of utter disaster. The crown and scepter lay upon the floor of the sepulcher. The royal robe was mingled with the dust of the body.

But of the Christ, it was said, "This Jesus hath God raised up." Let us say reverently as Thomas, the honest doubter, once said: "My Lord, and my God."

All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.

Invisible Government

A Radio Address . . . By Gerald B. Winrod

DISRAELI, the Jewish Premier of Great Britain, said: "The world is governed, by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are *not* behind the scenes".

What Disraeli said, in so many words, is what multitudes of people have often felt, without being able to put their finger upon the evidence.

For instance, it is now an established fact that this invisible force was responsible for the entrance of the United States into the World War, and that the decision for our government to enter the conflict was made by agencies *not* visible to the general public.

We were told that a holy war had to be waged to end war; we were told that destiny had decreed that we were to make the world safe for democracy; we were told that we were to fight for freedom of the seas.

We were *not* told that certain international interests had threatened the world with financial collapse unless the United States entered the conflict, and thus made possible the extension of gigantic loans to other nations.

We now know that a cablegram was addressed to Woodrow Wilson, on March 5, 1917, by W. H. Page, our Ambassador to Great Britain, in which he told the President that certain European powers, "must have a credit in the United States, which will be large enough, to prevent the collapse of . . . the whole financial structure of Europe". Mr. Page then said, "Of course we cannot extend such credit, *unless we go to war. . .*"

Since that time, we have heard fre-

quently of men who are "close" to those in authority, of men who must be "consulted" before governmental action can be taken, of mysterious personages who move in and out of the nation's capital, of "traveling ambassadors" quite outside the regular diplomatic corps, and of at least one powerful financial figure who is referred to in high circles as the "unofficial president" of the United States.

The real rulers, the hidden masters, never have their names on the ballot; they make no speeches on the floor of the national Congress; they attend no Cabinet meetings.

But the grim fact remains, that they possess the brains that formulate the policies, that frame the legislation, that steer administrative programs. Without exposing themselves to the public gaze, they pull the wires from behind the scenes. They move deep within the shadows.

. . . Brain Trust Control . . .

When the New Deal took office in 1933, a stream of "must legislation" began to pour forth from this invisible source. This was, of course, a violation of ordinary constitutional process.

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The Constitution of the United States provides that all bills must originate in the Congress. Section Eight of the Constitution enumerates the powers specifically reserved to Congress and concludes with the words that the Congress shall "make all laws".

But in the first New Deal congress, usual Constitutional procedure was pushed into the background. The duly-elected representatives of the people were no longer considered sufficiently intelligent, or socially minded, to write the laws of the nation. The bills offered in the halls of Congress originated for the most part in the minds of a small group of disciples of Professor Felix Frankfurter . . . and for this reason, the members of the Brain Trust soon became known around the Capital as "hot dog boys".

... "Must" Legislation ...

Theodore Roosevelt, our former President, once wrote a letter to Felix Frankfurter in which he accused Frankfurter of maintaining "an attitude which seems to me to be fundamentally that of Trotsky and the other Bolshevik leaders in Russia."

One member of the invisible Brain Trust government said these words: "We are coming to develop ideas and policies wholly outside of our legislative system. Legislatures will then become rubber stamps to pass the measures."

Let the weight of those words grip you! "We are coming to develop ideas and policies OUTSIDE of our legislative system." This, if allowed to continue, will destroy the whole principle of constitutional democracy.

Legislative proposals have flowed freely from the pens of these members of the invisible government at Washington. In turn, the measures have gone to the White House for the President to stamp them with the significant word "Must". Then they have been rushed to Congress, to be enacted under the name of "Emergency".

This, most emphatically, is NOT the plan outlined in the Constitution of the United States.

... Another "Kitchen Cabinet" ...

May I pause to remark that only once before in our nation's history has such a situation existed in a national administration.

That was during the Andrew Jackson administration — when a group of unofficial advisers who, as one historian has said, "enjoyed power, rather than the display of it".

If any President ever followed a political pattern laid down by another, the present Chief Executive has followed that of Jackson. There are the same kind of unofficial advisers, the same

disregard for the best interests of the people, the same contempt for the members of the Congress, the same contempt for the courts, the same animosity toward business and industry, the same desire to impose a personal will upon the people.

And, it might be added, the same connections through close personal advisers with powerful, but invisible forces and powers, not recognized in the Constitution of the United States.

Had it not been for a courageous and patriotic Supreme Court, which wiped the slate clean of much New Deal legislation, originating from invisible sources, this nation would, today, be goose-stepping to a comprehensive program of one-man dictation.

... Court Packing Plan ...

What invisible forces there must have been at work on another occasion and how secure they must have felt for the President to call his Cabinet together with certain leaders of the House and Senate and bluntly inform them of his purpose to bring the Supreme Court under Executive control.

When that announcement was made, that morning, a few minutes before the President sent his Court bill to Congress, Senator Joseph T. Robinson, leader of the administration forces in the Senate, bowed his head, his face flushed. The President's Court bill had come like a bolt from the blue.

But under great pressure, Mr. Robinson led the fight on the floor of the

Senate, until he fell under the load. During the course of the fight, he consumed considerable space in the Congressional Record, condemning me, for my defense of the Court, at that time.

Cabinet members departed from the President's hurried meeting in silence. The Court bill went to the Congress a few minutes later. Out on the street, Congressman Summers, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, who was present at the meeting, remarked sadly, "Boys, here's where I cash in my chips". Mr. Summers stood his ground, until the plan was finally buried under a wave of protest resulting from an aroused public opinion.

This plan to pack the Court did not originate with the people. It did not originate with the Congress. It was unknown to even the President's Cabinet, with the possible exception of one member. It is now reported that the plan did not even originate with the President.

The still more dangerous Reorganization Bill had its origin in the same secret sources. As soon as it was defeated in the lower House of Congress, members of the Brain Trust swarmed through the Capitol building trying to get the bill introduced once more. It will be introduced again in the next session of Congress.

... Remedy At Hand ...

To remedy this situation, there must be a rebuilding of the national character.

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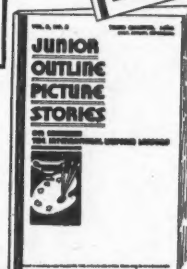
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ter. The Congress of the United States must be energized with new moral strength; the Nation must be called back to God and the Word of God; back to the old fundamentals that have stood the test of 150 years; back to the spirit

of Valley Forge, with George Washington kneeling in the snow, praying for his soldiers; back to the spirit of Plymouth Rock, with our Pilgrim Fathers thanking God for safe arrival in a new world, which was to be to them and their posterity, a "land of the free and a home of the brave".

Soviet Crusade Against Christ

John Jacob, Chicago, Illinois

LETTERS from Christian friends in Russia are becoming scarce. They are showing increasing signs of fear about writing to the outside world of their sufferings.

Since December 12, 1937 exactly 1,146 hand picked and trusted atheists have been installed as representatives of the people in Soviet Russia's newly created parliament. The rulers of Moscow and their subservient henchmen have long since dropped all pretense of tolerating the Christian religion.

With the lips, they profess to be willing to tolerate the existence of a "church cult". But even such a cult must be under the most strict supervision of atheistic officials. All Ministers remaining in the Country must be registered, and their activities carried on in registered buildings.

The profession of Christianity has become one of the most severely punished crimes in the Soviet Union, where according to Communist propagandists in America, religion is "more free than anywhere else in the world". Russia is my native land, and it so happens that I have just received some striking information about this "religious freedom" in the Soviet "democracy".

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Land of Pilgrims

For more than a year, religious workers, have been persecuted to the point that it is much safer for them to wander from place to place, than to attempt a settled existence, no matter how humble, in a given community. Many thousands of other citizens who, for one or the other reason, feel unsafe at home, and also roam through the Country.

Russia is becoming to a great extent, a land of wandering nomads. From place to place they drift, with not a particle of hope shining from their eyes. It is not safe for the man who professes to be a Christian worker of any kind, to remain in any one place, more than a few days at most.

Wherever these wanderers go, they are looked upon with fear and suspicion. *The Soviet Union has become a fear-crazed Country.* Every new person, in, or near a village, may be one who is being hunted by the secret police. To give food and shelter to such an individual is to provoke the ire and revenge of Communist authorities.

Then, again, it is always possible that such a homeless person may be an agent of the Jewish secret police, sent out to lure people into speaking what they really feel about conditions under the Soviet government. To have such an agent in one's home, without knowing it, is the greatest of all dangers. The Russian people have been kept these many years, under this inhuman spy system—the only means by which so many millions of people could be kept in a state of fear and terror.

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Persecution of Pilgrims

For a considerable time, the Bolsheviks paid little attention to the steadily increasing thousands of pilgrims, because such wanderers usually last but a short time, due to the starvation and hardships to which they were exposed.

But the authorities began to take notice when they discovered that many of these pilgrims were Priests, Ministers and religious workers, whom the people knew and asked to hold quiet religious services in homes, forests, fields and caves.

A report before me tells of a certain Bishop Sergius Druzhinin. He has been wandering up and down the banks of the Volga, Europe's greatest river. People came to know and looked up to him, as a man of God.

THE SECRET POLICE HEARD ABOUT HIM AND QUICKLY ELIMINATED THIS DANGER TO THE "WELL-BEING" OF THE SOVIET UNION.

It has long since become an established custom in Russia that priests and preachers lead a dual life. They must earn their livelihood by physical labor and if denied employment, they starve. Whenever they are supported by the people, the authorities accuse them of exploiting the poor.

For this reason most of the hunted clergymen have learned how to fix stoves, grind knives and scissors, repair windows, footwear, and the like. By such occupations, they try to support themselves in their wanderings. Ministers of every conceivable Christian sect and group still exist in Russia and can be found among the pilgrims.

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wandering Pastors are held by the people, the government has issued strictest laws against religion, and is keeping a close watch on the unfortunate pilgrims.

Religious services may now be conducted only in locations which have been registered for this purpose with the government. Any one who performs a religious service must also be registered and live permanently in the community. Up to thirty neighbors must sign pledges that they agree to be held responsible for whatever offense against the State, or Communist Party, may result from religious meetings, or the activities of a Minister.

Government officials supervise the sermons, and woe to the Priest, or Minister, who utters a word which could be construed as an accusation of the government, of Communism, or the legalized immorality which prevails in the Soviet Union.

Thousands of clergymen and Christians have paid for their faith with their lives, or are suffering in remote Arctic prison camps, where people are slowly tortured to death for such "crimes against the Soviet Union".

Atheists Reprimanded

Yet this is not all! The head of Stalin's godless organization, the Jewish Mr. Yaroslavsky, in a late issue of the magazine Antireligioznik (The Anti-religious) taunts the Communists as being cowards. Having been informed about the lenience with which such men as the Bishop Druzhinin was treated for a time he wrote a bitter accusation of the local Soviet authorities.

"The priests," he wrote, "have never

been afraid of the Communist Internationale, which has been persecuting them bitterly from the very first day of the revolution, some twenty years ago. Yet the carriers and defenders of Bolshevism still seem to be afraid of the Cross."

This was his recent line of attack in stirring up his followers to more fiendish crimes against the helpless Russian believers.

Yaroslavsky has decreed that all signs of tolerance must end. The statement, by this commander-in-chief of the Atheist forces of Moscow, is more than a mere proclamation from the chairman of an official group of unbelievers. According to the Communist Party Constitution, every Party member must be a sworn atheist. One of his foremost Party obligations consists in fighting religion, especially the Christian religion. Yaroslavsky is simply reminding them of their duty.

All members of the Communist Party are thus obliged to heed the orders of Yaroslavsky, for he is a high-ranking party official.

What is more, Yaroslavsky is also a member of the newly created Soviet Parliament, which makes him a high-ranking government official. His words are law, and his exhortations, to his godless followers, are nothing less than an official command to intensify the Soviet crusade against the Cross of Christ, a Satanic ukase to speed up the slaughter of the saints and faithful of Russia.

No Possible Compromise

Many faithful believers, outside of Russia, have wondered why Communism cannot agree to tolerate even a strictly regulated and government-controlled Christian Church.

This is an impossibility. Just as fire and water cannot be mixed, Communism and faith in Christ can never live side by side. Christ teaches love. Communism is hatred in its most unadulterated form.

That the Jewish Karl Marx, who bestowed Communism in its present form, upon the world, had to become an atheist before he could turn completely Communist, is a fact which should never be forgotten by the Christian believer. Only when he had been completely converted to atheism, did Marx become receptive to the Satanic inspirations, which formulated themselves into his notorious Communist Manifesto, the document which must be credited with the blood of millions of Christian believers.

Communist "New Birth"

Christ told Nicodemus that a man must be "born again", in order to enter the Kingdom of God, a truth which has been much neglected by Churches in all countries.

But the idea of a "new birth" is not neglected by Stalin and his co-conspirators, who claim to have established a "worker's paradise on earth", without God or Christ. No person is eligible to this "paradise", unless he is wholly converted to Communism, and its godless aims. To be a Communist, one must become a thorough

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"convert" to atheism. He must be "born again" into atheism.

No half-heartedness is tolerated. The fact that several thousand Soviet citizens—many of them high officials—were executed last year, clearly demonstrates the determination of Communism to have either a Satanic "born-again" man, for a Communist, or to liquidate the victim who fails to surrender to its apostasy—body, heart and soul.

A man from Europe asked me recently, "Isn't this a very significant lesson for every Christian of our days? Shouldn't we learn that we, the defenders of Christian love, must cease to compromise?"

"The fact," he continued, "that Communism, outside of Russia, and in democratic countries, such as your America, and our Switzerland, or in France and Great Britain, agrees to cooperate with the Christian religion, does not mean that it is willing to change its attitude toward the followers of Christ. Communism, today, is very much on the defensive. It seeks to save itself at all costs. But only to gain a victory, and then to strike more severe-



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Please show this picture to your Christian friends and ask them to pray for these children and give if possible so that we may prepare them for the coming winter. These are the children of those who endure much persecutions, hardships and sufferings for their faith in Him who has died for us.

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ly, than before, at the religion of Christ."

This friend is a very prominent French historian: he lives in Switzerland. He said, "Believe me, we Christians will, eventually, have to pay for every defeat of Communism, in the last few years, if ever the followers of either Stalin or Trotsky succeed in gaining power in other countries of the world. You, in the United States, have Comrade Trotsky stirring up troubles at your back door. (Trotsky-Bronstein

is living in Mexico. J. J.) What the outcome of it will be we cannot foretell. We, who know so well what crimes such a man, as he, is capable of organizing, are worried for the welfare of America."

Let it not be forgotten that it is either Communism and death, or Christ and peace, in a democracy; let us remember that we must choose for ourselves and our families. Communism and Christianity cannot exist simultaneously in the same Country.

A Bankrupt World And A Divine Utopia

Dr. Louis Richard Patmont, Berkeley, California

THIS old world appears headed toward complete moral and spiritual bankruptcy. This is true, despite the fact that desperate efforts are being made to prevent such a catastrophe.

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the course the nations have taken.

Here and there a voice is to be heard contending that man's resources are sufficient to save civilization from disaster. But their contentions are based upon the false assumptions of the "social gospel," which ignore the fact, and consequences, of man's fall, and completely repudiate the prophetic description of the destiny of the age.

To be sure, the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ, when applied to national affairs, will remedy economic disturbances. National disasters are the result of errors in statesmanship and the unsanctified will of unregenerated leaders.

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In spite of the blind optimism which prevails in some quarters, and the extravagant promises made by the leaders of certain nations today, the fact remains that this earth is now largely dominated by the power of Satan. The Usurper of this world is still blinding the minds of the unbelieving. This fact accounts for the wholesale destruction of the earth's resources, which a merciful God is giving to the children of men.

Impending Ruin

Avarice and voracity have become the all too prevalent motives for action, rather than the sincere desire to create benevolent and humanized conditions of living. Violence characterizes the present economic order. The world is face to face with inevitable moral and spiritual ruin which will also bring with it the impending judgment and destruction, foretold in the Holy Scriptures, in general, and in the Revelation of Saint John the Divine, in particular.

We are already witnessing the predicted hardening of the hearts of the people. The nations give evidence of preferring men's foolish devices to the counsel and wisdom of God. Otherwise brilliant people are given over to the belief that the remedies concocted by human minds are efficacious. However, the medicine is often only a narcotic poison. Any honest thinker can discover the fallacies and dangers which lie hidden in them.

So-called "Christian Socialists" are committing a serious error, by believing

that it is possible to mix the atheistic and materialistic philosophies of Marx and Lenin, with Christian principles. It is a lamentable fact that Christendom, in general, does not have a clear-cut understanding of this truth. Only a few appear to realize that spiritual idealism and the materialism of this age are irreconcilable opposites.

Coming Golden Age

When the Lord Jesus Christ rules upon this earth every iniquity will give way to perfect order and justice in every human relation.

This coming Golden Age will reflect the nature of our bountiful God. The world will then recognize that depressions, and other world disorders, were the result of man's failures and rebellion against the laws of God.

As the shadows of the "great tribulation" are being cast upon the world, true believers must learn to depend more and more upon God for their sustenance. To become a part of any one of the Christless systems, which are now being offered as panaceas to a troubled world, will only tend to complicate and entangle them in an order which faces certain bankruptcy. *To remain truly Christian, in an increasingly Christless age, is more vital than any temporal consideration the world has to offer.*

Perfection in every phase of human relationship must ever be the goal of the true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. When man was given lordship over the earth, he had not yet been beguiled by the Usurper who robbed him of his birthright.

Perfected man will likewise be completely free from the power of Satan, and will in no way be subject to evil power. The time is not far off when he who said, "I will be like the Most

High", and who became "the god of this age" by usurpation, will be bound with a strong chain and locked for a thousand years, in the prison which awaits him. Then the Lord Jesus Christ will conduct the great demonstration in proof of superiority of the Father's will.

In that day the nations will seek to do God's pleasure. The strong will no longer seek to destroy the weak; the oppressor will no more seek after powerless victims, and the rich will no longer be permitted to exploit the poor. The greatest glory of all will be to please God. No more shall it be true that "nation shall rise against nation". Equity and righteousness will prevail on the earth.

These, and many other blessings, are promised by God in the prophetic Scriptures. The benevolent will of the Almighty shall yet be enforced on the earth. The Kingdom of Righteousness is God's Utopia for this bankrupt world.

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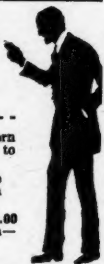
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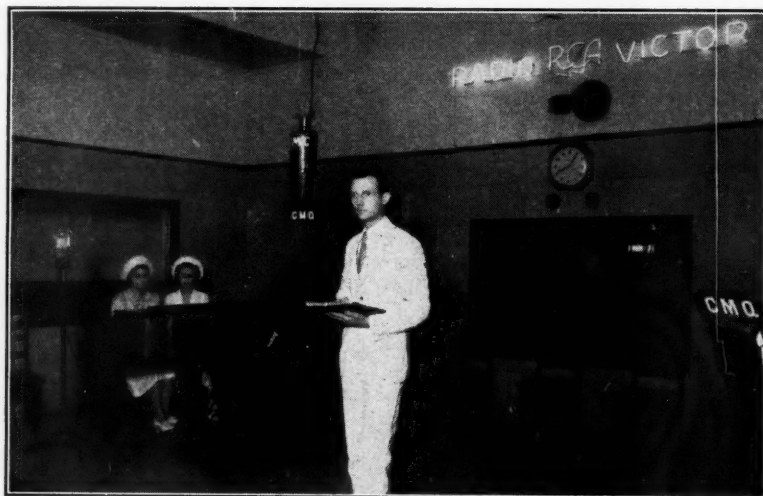
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(Voluntary contributions are greatly needed at this particular time to help with this Puerto Rican work. Let Christian friends make this a matter of special prayer during August.)

Significant Anniversary In Cuba

CUBA'S "Independence" Day marked the fourth anniversary of the radio ministry of Rev. Arthur W. Pain, missionary worker in Cuba.

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SATAN WORSHIP. From Page 2.

sins. This, we promise, oh Satan, our Master, our Lord!"

In conducting her votaries through a blasphemous burlesque of the Lord's Supper, the High Priestess of Satanism appeals to Lucifer: "Oh Satan, oh Devil, our Master, our Lord, these wafers have been made unholy to Thine enemies. We will bring them to Thee, and make them the pledge of our love for Thee, and our faithfulness to Thy evil."

It is unnecessary to describe further the sacrilege of the cult of Satanism, let alone the bestial indulgences performed in accordance with the "will of His Satanic Majesty".

This article describes another Satanic cult, involving Black Mass rituals, directed by a leader who "proudly refers to himself as the High Priest of Evil, and signs his letters, 'The Worst Man in the World'." In a book, which this leader contends "Satan dictated to him in the shadows of the pyramids in Egypt", he lays down the basic immoral principle of Satanism: "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law".

Nietzsche Again

"Do what thou wilt" is, essentially, the core of the practice of Satanism; but this diabolical counsel did not originate with this modern leader. It is the main theme of the philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche! This philosophy is taught widely in American schools and colleges; hence, we begin to understand why cults of Satanism flourish among youths, as well as mature men and women, of education and social background.

Nietzsche's philosophy, as I have shown in *Crucifying Christ in Our Colleges*, contains this Satanic counsel: "Make thy law the desire of thy flesh. . . . Be wicked—that is true goodness. . . . Make thy virtue thy inclination. . . . Set up thy will as a law over thee."

Nietzsche proudly professed himself to be the Antichrist, the Public Enemy No. 1 of Christianity. Writing on the *Superman*, he said: "I shall write upon all walls an undying denunciation of Christianity wherever there are walls. It is the one great curse, the one intrinsic depravity, the one black impulse of resentment for which no subterfuge is too vile or too mean."

The teaching of the philosophy of Nietzsche in certain of our leading educational institutions is causing many young people to worship and serve Satan, rather than Christ. Two brilliant university students, Leopold and Loeb, committed the most fiendish crime of their generation. In defending them Clarence Darrow, the agnostic criminal lawyer, admitted that their Satanic crime was the result of the philosophy taught them at the university.

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Pleaded Mr. Darrow, "Your honor, if these boys are guilty, where did they get the philosophy which in their minds seems to justify their crime? Your honor, it does not meet with my ideas of justice to hang a nineteen-year-old boy for a philosophy of life which has been taught for the last twenty-five years in practically all the great Universities of this land."

The raging plague of vice and bestiality, as well as our youthful crime wave, must be substantially attributed to teaching the philosophy of Satanism, of diabolism and immoralism, in some of our most influential educational institutions.

The Remedy

Bismarck said, "What you wish in the life of a nation, first put in the schools of that nation."

And it is a certainty that we shall have in the life of our nation exactly what is put in our schools. The police are finding a scourge of Satanism, of vice and immorality, plaguing the life of our people, because an indifferent populace has permitted subversive propagandists to spread intellectual and spiritual poison through our principal mind-molding and character-creating institutions.

It is a patriotic duty to uphold and aid the law enforcement agencies of our nation. There is currently much discussion of ways and means of combatting crime. In the last analysis, crime—like any other evil—must be attacked at its root, which is a human heart turned away from God, filled with sinful lusts and wickedness.

Christians, in every community in the nation, can best help to stem the crime wave by seeing to it that faith-stealers are not permitted to prey upon youth, spreading their Satanic soul-poisons, turning youthful hearts from God, filling immature minds with the virus of mental and moral leprosy.

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FOR AUGUST . . . By Rev. Paul S. Wight, Asheville, N. C.

August 14

The Relation of Temperance To Character

Proverbs 4:10-23; 1 Thess. 5:6-8

THE Bible nowhere promises to make the righteous life easy, but it does promise, that, through sorrow and trial, God will guide in paths that lead, at last, to peace and security.



The suggested devotional reading for this lesson is the first Psalm. It begins by assuring us that the man is blessed, or happy, who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scoffers.

The three words, *walk, stand and sit*, indicate the manner in which people drift into temptation, and find themselves enslaved by sin. They betake themselves to regions where temptation is wide-spread. Fascinated by what they see, they stand in the way of sinners and fellowship with them. At last, with all their noble impulses ravaged, and their moral powers broken, they scoff at everything good, and glory in their own degradation.

God's Word states that the best way to handle temptation is to avoid it, as much as possible. There are plenty of natural appetites which arise from the fact that we are made as we are, but when young people add to them an *acquired* appetite such as the appetite for alcohol, every power of moral resistance becomes so weakened that iniquity is almost certain to follow.

Because of the wide-spread custom of social drinking today, young people are experiencing the most trying temptations. They should remember that alcohol is a habit-forming drug, and that even the slightest indulgence predisposes them to more indulgence. Even small quantities of alcohol have an effect upon character.

As for drunkenness, the Bible makes it plain that people who do these things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. The way to deal with liquor is to follow the counsel found in our lesson text: "Avoid it, pass not by it" (Proverbs 4:16).

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Hannah: Godly Motherhood

1 Sam. 1:9-18; 2:1-5

THE mother of Samuel was Hannah. Her name means "Grace," the same as "Anna," the prophetess of the New Testament.

Hannah was unhappy "in bitterness of soul". As often occurred, in polygamous families, one wife had children, the chief blessing in a Hebrew household, and the other wife had none. Hannah was childless, and "her rival provoked her sore", taunting her and making her life miserable.

Hannah pursued a wise course in her trouble; she went to God in prayer. This is the thing to do with all our troubles. She must have often prayed over the matter at home, and it was natural that when she paid her annual visit to the Lord's house at Shiloh, she should there present her eager petition for a son.

But Hannah did more than pray. Incorporated within her prayer was the vow that if God would look on her affliction, and give her a man-child, that she would give him to Jehovah all the days of his life. She promised that his hair and beard should never be cut. This Nazarite vow included also abstinence from intoxicating drink, separation, strength, and purity. Samson and John the Baptist, as well as Samuel, were Nazarites.

This consecrated mother, dedicating her son to the service of God, should be a lesson to parents in every age, and a rebuke to those who never think of their children in relation to God's great plans. Such an act establishes a sense of partnership with God. Some of the greatest preachers of the Gospel, missionaries and national leaders, were not only dedicated to God by their parents, but throughout their whole careers, felt a distinct sense of mission, because they were thus consecrated. Here was a woman who knew how to storm the gates of heaven until her prayer was answered.

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Eli: Responsibility For Others

1 Sam. 3:11-14; 4:12-18

THE life of Hannah, subject of last Sunday's lesson, was intimately bound up with the life of Eli, the high priest. He it was who, seeing her lips moving in fervent petition, mistook her devotion for drunkenness, and rebuked her. Eli was lacking in discernment.

Not only could he not distinguish between a sober woman and a drunken one, but he failed to realize that he and his line were headed for destruction, and that his family would be replaced by Samuel, the child born to this devout and praying woman.

Eli had two sons, described in the Bible as base men who knew not Jehovah. Yet they were priests and ministered every day in the sanctuary. These sons were "Liberals" in matters pertaining to religious observance. Nothing injures the cause of God so much as unworthy priests, or ministers, who dishonor the God they pretend to serve.

The fact that Eli was "very old" is mentioned, but there had been a time when he was in his prime, and when his boys were very young. Did Eli do his best then? "A stitch in time saves nine", is a proverb homely but true, and nowhere more applicable than in the making of character. It is further said that Eli had to hear of his sons' misdeeds through others. If Eli had kept better watch over them, before he became so blind and feeble, he could have left them afterward to go their own way, for they would then have been good and upright men.

"It is Jehovah: let Him do what seemeth Him good." Eli, with all his faults, still wanted to be faithful to God. He submitted without a murmur to the divine sentence, leaving himself and all his house in God's hands. But it was the passive resignation of a weak character.

It is a terrible thing for men to sin against the light. God took the Ark of the Covenant from Israel, when the house of Eli failed to live up to its spiritual responsibilities.

Jesus stated the law of retribution, in the parable of the talents, when He said, "Take ye away therefore the talent from him, (the man who had failed to use his one talent) and give it unto him that hath the ten talents . . . and cast out the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:28-30).

"Gog" Licks His Chops

... A Study in Prophecy ...

THE great Russian bear is smacking his lips, licking his chops, in anticipation of bloodshed in the Orient.

"Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him."

The Scofield Reference Bible, published in 1917, contains the following footnote on the above passage from the thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel: "The primary reference of this verse is to the northern European powers, headed up by Russia, all agree. The whole passage should be read in connection with Zech. 12:1-4; 14:1-9; Matthew 24:14-30; Rev. 14:14-20; 19:17-21. 'Gog' is the prince, 'Magog' his land. The reference to Meshech and Tubal—Moscow and Tobolsk is a clear mark of identification."

Since divine prophecy is the mould of human history, it is well to examine Ezekiel's writings in the light of current developments in the Orient. If it is true that two Leagues of Nations (one embracing the old Roman Empire, the other covering northern Europe and the countries of the East) are to evolve out the chaos of the nations, then persons who study prophetic truth, will do well to watch the developments of the war, which is now starting between Russia and Japan.

"Gog" Dislikes the Jews

Some of the world's most profound students of Bible prophecy hold to the view that a League of the East will come into existence with headquarters in Meshech—Moscow. It will embrace Siberia, referred to in the passage as Tubal (Tobolsk). This League could take form in one of two ways . . .

First: by a war of aggression in which Soviet Russia would bring Manchukuo, China, Japan and other oriental countries to their knees in subjection.

Second: by a war in which Japan would push in, from one side, Germany

from the other, and crush the Meshech government like the cracking of an egg shell.

The former would mean a red Orient. The latter would mean the carrying of the Swastika to Moscow. Ezekiel 38: 18-19 leaves no doubt that the final Gog government will manifest great hatred for the Jews.

So, in view of the fact that Communism is rooted in international Jewry and the Russian people have been ruled by Jews since the revolution twenty-one years ago, some find it difficult to completely identify Gog as representing the Communist movement. There are those who feel that a change will have to take place in the government at Moscow, a reaction against Jewish control, in order to meet the requirements of Ezekiel 38.

Germany and Russia

A somewhat confusing article appears in the current issue of *Liberty* entitled, "Will Stalin and Hitler Join Hands to Rule the World?" But it contains the following interesting statement:

"The Joseph Stalin of today is no Bolshevik. He is a man who intends to abandon Communism in Russia. He is a man who plans to restore capitalism, set up a form of Fascism in the country of which he is dictator. He is a man who soon will publicly join hands in an amazing alliance with a leader commonly supposed to be his most bitter enemy—Adolf Hitler."

The writer of the above words continues: "Several months ago, in Russia, I learned most of these facts. Some of them actually were disclosed to me in the course of two meetings I had with Stalin himself . . . Stalin, the once dreaded revolutionist, now lives himself in dread of revolution."

Russia and Germany will never join

hands in the fantastic manner here described, but a union of the Russian people and the German people, is within the range of possibility. But such a union would necessarily involve the destruction of the present government at Moscow.

There has always been a feeling among Fundamentalist students of prophecy, that Germany's face is set toward the East, since the territory it covers was not within the area of the original Roman Caesars. The Western League, or revived Roman Empire, must naturally embrace the territory of ancient Rome.

Jews Not Helping Japan Now

On the other hand, Japan is trying to stamp Communism out of the Orient. China is being ground between the millstones of Japanese aggression and international Communism. Since Japan is at war with China, Moscow evidently feels that the opportune time has come to strike.

Japan defeated Russia in the former struggle, but conditions are different now. In that war, Japan was supported by the international Jewish Money Power—which remains a force of great strength. But today, the force of Jewry must assert itself on the side of Russia.

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wreck civilization. The scheme reached maturity in the revolution twenty-one years ago.

The manner in which Jewish financiers used the Japanese government to advance their interests in bringing about the Russian revolution is illustrated by an article describing a Jewish meeting, which appeared in the *New York Times* May 24, 1917....

The headline says: "KENNAN TELLS HISTORY". Under these words, there appears the following sub-heading: "Tells How Jacob H. Schiff Financed Revolutionary Propaganda in Czar's Army". The story follows:

"Mr. Kennan told of the work of the Friends of Russian Freedom in the revolution.

"He said that during the Japanese-Russian war he was in Tokio, and that he was permitted to make visits among the 12,000 Russian prisoners in Japanese hands at the end of the first year of the war. He had conceived the idea of putting revolutionary propaganda into the Russian army.

"The Japanese authorities favored it and gave him permission. After which he sent to America for all the Russian revolutionary literature to be had. He said that one day Dr. Nicholas Russel came to him in Tokio, unannounced, and said that he had been sent to help the work.

"The movement was financed by a New York banker you all know and love", he said, referring to Mr. Schiff, 'and soon we received a ton and a half of Russian revolutionary propaganda. At the end of the war, 50,000 Russian

officers and men went back to their country ardent revolutionists. The Friends of Russian Freedom had sowed 50,000 seeds of liberty in 100 Russian regiments. I do not know how many of these officers and men were in the Petrograd fortress last week, but we do know what part the army took in the revolution."

"Then was read a telegram from Jacob H. Schiff, part of which is as follows: 'Will you say for me to those at tonight's meeting how deeply I regret my inability to celebrate with the Friends of Russian Freedom the actual reward of what we had hoped for and striven for these long years.'"

Jacob Schiff, of Wall Street, was of course the head of one of the most powerful international Jewish banking houses in the world.

"White Russians" Busy

There are now indications that Russia may explode from within, at any time. If the people ever succeed in cracking the secret police, there will be an uprising to wipe out the handful of rulers and throw the Country into chaos. The White Russians have a powerful secret organization which is said to be working underground at a frantic pace in Russia.

A recent report from White Russian headquarters in Harbin, Manchukuo announces their objectives as being: "(1) The freeing of the peoples of the Russian Nation from the Jew-Communist stranglehold, the destruction of the Comintern and the Communist Party, (2) the institution of a National-laboring Russian State that would serve as a framework for the Russian Nation, (3) the universal solution of the Jewish problem in cooperation with foreign forces, thus freeing the World of the menace of Jewish International Finance (Finintern)."

Currents

The purpose of this short article has been to analyze some of the currents and cross currents now at work in that part of the world from which the *Gog* government of Ezekiel is gradually emerging in this, the end-time of the

present dispensation—a part of the world which is certain to be the center of international attention as the struggle between the Communist and the anti-Communist forces continues in the Orient.

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